

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MINUTES

March 23, 2005

Chair Knox White called the Transportation Commission to order at 9:40 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL – Roll was called and the following recorded:

Members Present:

Jeff Knoth	Patianne Parker
John Knox White	Robb Ratto
Michael Krueger	Eric Schatmeier
Robert McFarland	

Staff Present:

Barbara Hawkins – Supervising Civil Engineer, Public Works
Barry Bergman – Program Specialist II, Public Works

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No action was taken.

3. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5A. Cross Alameda Trail Feasibility Study (continued from February 23, 2005 meeting)

Chair Knox White noted that the proposed bike lanes on Clement Avenue are only five feet wide, yet the connecting bike lanes on Atlantic Avenue are six feet wide. He stated that the proposed travel lanes on Clement Avenue are 12 to 14 feet wide. *Chair Knox White* noted that Caltrans requires lanes to be less than 12 feet wide on highways, and stated that the travel lanes on Clement Avenue could be narrower, even with the presence of a truck route. He recommended that the bike lanes be widened to six or seven feet in width along this corridor.

Chair Knox White recommended that the proposed off-street paths include separate bicycle and pedestrian facilities since sufficient space appeared to be available. This should help avoid conflicts, as trail users would not have to compete for space as they currently do along the path adjacent to Shoreline Drive.

Commissioner Krueger also recommended that wider bike lanes be used along Clement Avenue. He noted that at times he bikes and rides along Atlantic Avenue, which has 12-foot travel lanes and six-foot bike lanes, and believes that this configuration works well. *Commissioner Krueger* noted that this section of Atlantic Avenue is a designated truck route, similar to the proposed Clement Avenue extension. He expressed concern that wider travel lanes would encourage speeding by motor vehicles.

Commissioner Parker moved acceptance of the Cross Alameda Trail Feasibility Study, including the recommendations from the Commission. *Commissioner Schatmeier* seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote – 7.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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